

WHY.

I did not love him. Long ago, instead of Yes, I gave him No. I did not love him; but to-day I read his marriage notice. Pray, why was I sad, when never yet has my heart known the least regret. Over that whispered No? and why, reading the notice, did I sigh? No analyst can guess the cause: A woman's reason laughs at love. Sure, I am glad to know the wound I gave is healed, that he has found Love's blessedness and peace; and yet a woman never can forget. The man who once has loved her; and to-day I seem to see him stand, With every glance a mute career, Still pleading for the longed-for Yes. His early love for me is dead— Another lives in that love's stead; And if he loves her well, as men Should love their chosen ones, why, then He must be glad that long ago, Instead of Yes, I gave him No. Perhaps that is the reason why I read the notice with a sigh.

The Donation Party at Willowbrook.

So many confused and contradictory rumors have been circulated about that last donation party that I (who have heard the whole story from my friend and neighbor Miss Mix) would like to give the world a plain, unvarnished account of the whole affair.

Let me, then, introduce my informant, Miss Melissa Mix, spinster, formerly a teacher, moderately well endowed with this world's goods, house-keeper and care-taker for her only brother Ralph, some years her senior, both of them prominent members of the Willowbrook Church—and thus heralded, she shall tell you the story she told me.

"Of course we can't give our minister much of a salary, you know, Miss Harwood; but we must have a church, and we must have a man whose heart wasn't set on filthy lucre, as the 'Post' says."

"I must own we hadn't much success, for, would you believe it? out of five candidates that preached here the first winter that six dollars a family would be a fair tax, making nine out of four hundred a year, you see; yet it's wonderful what trouble we had to get a pastor."

"Brother Ralph thought that maybe if we had a parsonage it would help us; so he and the other trustees bought that little cottage where Miss Gray used to live, with a whole lot of land belonging to it; but, law! 'twasn't of no use; none of 'em said the year out; and I was clean discouraged."

"When Mr. Ormsby came, nigh on three years ago, he seemed more reasonable than the rest, though he asked for a salary of \$100 a year, and a parsonage for him, as they was only new beginners, and hadn't much housekeeping stuff."

"Well, the ladies was so well pleased with him that they took right hold of the work (he took to come back in a fortnight) and got lots of things together."

"There was a handsome pincushion made for each of the bedrooms—there's three on 'em in the house—and half a dozen tidies for the parlor, and a case for his shavin' paper, and all sent in the first week."

"You've heard him preach, Miss Harwood, and you know how interesting he was, and what a beautiful reader and singer too. Well, I didn't like to read comfort food to church and sit in under such preachin'; and so we all did, 'But I was tellin' you about what we gave him. Well, Deacon Stiles's daughter Sally made a drawin' of the church, and she framed it in pine, and hung it on Mr. Ormsby's study, and the deacon he sent us a cookin' stove out of his own kitchen. He'd just bought a new one for Miss Stiles, and he come over and put it up himself, which I thought was uncommon kind."

"Then we took up a contribution to buy new furniture, but ready money was scarce just then, so we only raised enough to get a pair of china vases and an inkstand."

"But Silas Hart, that sold 'em to us, was one of our members, so he threw in a shiny dog for the baby and a match-box for the parson's wife."

"Miss Jones and Uncle Midian sent in a new painted bedstead and a kitchen table, and so I told Ralph I'd give 'em a couple of kitchen chairs and an end table, and the one was both rocked in. So I did, and I pieced a real handsome little quilt for the cradle, a sunflower pattern, all out of spick and span new calico, too."

"Well, it's 'most too bad to tell, but Mandy Jones, who went to help Miss Ormsby get to rights, told me that she did act dreadful, and not a bit become a minister's wife."

"She went all round the house lookin' as if she was ready to cry, and at last she set down in the parlor on her trunk and began to laugh at the vases and the inkstand, and then wound up by flingin' fault with the stove, which she said looked as if it came out of the ark."

"I've always thought she made her husband discontented, for Mr. Ormsby was such a meek, quiet, unselfish man that he never would have made any trouble if she hadn't been always complainin' and puttin' him up to grumble."

"But I'm wanderin' off from my story—I started to tell you about the donation party. You see, the first year we got along splendid with it, and I must say I never saw a better tea-table spread than we set that night for Miss Ormsby."

"But that woman never could be satisfied, and she said afterward that it wouldn't take more than two such parties to ruin any family!"

"It seems she found fault because we all staid to tea with 'em, just as if we hadn't a right to our tea after sendin' in all the vittles for it."

"But I don't know as Aunt Betsy did do exactly right, for she took Miss Ormsby's preserves to put on the table, and they was all eat that night, and I s'pose that put her out some."

"Well, as I was sayin', the second year come round, and it was read out in meetin' that the donation party would be given the next Friday."

"Mr. Ormsby read the notice, and then he looked all around and cleared his throat three times, as if he had somethin' perticular to say, but after waitin' a minute he changed his mind and sat down."

"I thought he acted kinder queer, but was quite taken up with notice! Miss Ormsby. She got as red as could be when when meetin' was dismissed, 'Twas jest buried out as if she didn't want any one to speak to her."

"Well, Friday came, and by three o'clock we was mostly all at the parsonage. Mr. Ormsby looked dreadful sober, more as if it was a funeral than a merry-making. I must say, but his wife was awful. She was just as huffy and short as she could be with every one, and she went and locked the study door and put the key in her pocket, right before us all, as if she was afraid we'd touch some of Mr. Ormsby's papers or books."

"Bimeby we began to think about settin' the table; so Aunt Betsy, Mandy Jones, and we went out in the kitchen to unpack the contributions. There were some pertaters and turnips (them we put in the sullen), a piece of corned beef, two or three billed hams, a pot of butter, some apple sass, a big cheese, and such a lot of biscuits it would have taken all night to count 'em."

"I began to be sca't when we took out panful after panful of biscuit, and no cake to speak of. At last we come to Miss Jones's basket, and there we found 'lection cake, as well as a great batch of molasses cookies."

"I waited 'nough I'd sent pound-cake and crullers; but somehow when the table war ready, there was more biscuits on it than any thing else, though we did the best we could."

"Mr. Johnson sent tea and coffee from his store, besides sugar and crackers; and Amos Hull he brought a bag of nuts and some apples for the young folks after supper, he said."

"There was so many there that we had to divide 'em into threeslots, the dinin'-room bein' small; and it was 'most seven o'clock when they get through eatin'."

"Aunt Betsy staid with me to clear up some; and I thought I never should get all the biscuits put away, for they 'most filled the pantry."

"'Twas all the time had been so many eaten, yet there was piles and piles left, and, as Aunt Betsy said, they wouldn't need to bake for a month to come."

"It happened so that I didn't go out much the week after the donation party, the second Sunday after, I had a good and early for church, and as I turned the corner by the parsonage, I saw somethin' that 'most took my breath away. Every one of them sharp-pointed pickets round the house and garden had a good biscuit stuck right atop of it. Yes, Miss Harwood, jest as sure as you live, there was Aunt Betsy's nice raised biscuits—I could tell her by the shape—and Miss Hull's rusks, and Miss Stiles's soda biscuit, and every one of 'em wasted in that shameful way."

"Well, I stood and looked—I hadn't the strength to move—and pretty soon some of the ladies came along and jined me; and there we all stood till the last bell 'began to ring, talkin' the matter over, and feelin' pretty mad, I can tell you."

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"Miss Ormsby warn't there, and as soon as the last hymn was sung, he got up and said that he had a call from a church in the far West, and that he had made up his mind that it was his duty to accept it. He went on to say that he would like to go that same week, and then, without so much as tellin' us that he was sorry to leave us, or offerin' to wait until we could get some one else, he gave the benediction and dismissed us."

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 Portland, October 27, 1878.

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